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This application is abandoned in view of:

- applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on Sep 21, 1998.
- A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- A proposed response was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
(A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC)).
- No response has been received.
- applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.
- The submitted issue fee of \$_____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____.
- The issue fee has not been received.
- applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
- Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) were received on _____.
- The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.
- No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- the express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on _____.
- the letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
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- the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- the reason(s) below:

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